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この作品はフィクションです。実在の人物・
団体・事件などとは、いっさい無関係です。

WE MUST FIRST TURN BACK TIME A LITTLE.

BEFORE DEALING WITH THE AFTERMATH OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL INCIDENT...

IT WAS HERE THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROMAN RULING CLASS GATHERED.

CURIA JULIA.

ROMAN FORUM.

CHAPTER XXXIII: THE SLAVE MARKET

ALL OF THE SLAVE BOXERS AT VALENS' TRAINING SCHOOL MUST BE KILLED!

THEY WERE THE SENATORS, MUCH RENOWNED THROUGHOUT HISTORY.

EVEN IN TIMES OF IMPERIAL RULE, THE PRIVILEGED HELD STRONG INFLUENCE OVER THE ADMINISTRATION.

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THERE IS NO ROOM FOR PARDON YOUR MAJESTY!

IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION!

WE CANNOT ALLOW ANY EXCEPTIONS!

INDEED.

* IN THE EVENT THAT A SLAVE KILLED THEIR MASTER, OR A MEMBER OF THEIR MASTER'S FAMILY, ALL OF THE HOUSE'S SLAVED WOULD BE EXECUTED.

THE REMAINING BOY SLAVES MUST ALSO BE EXECUTED!

THE TREACHEROUS SLAVES ARE MORE THAN DESERVING DEATH!*

HAVE YOU NOT OVERLOOKED THE CASE OF COMPENSATION?

ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE SENATE. BEFORE RUSHING TO A CONCLUSION, THERE IS ONE MATTER I WOULD ASK YOU TO CONSIDER!

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FOR JULANIUS VALENS HIMSELF TO COMPENSATE THE VICTIMS, AS I AM TOLD ALL OF HIS ASSETS HAVE BEEN LOST.

THOUGH THE DAMAGE INFLICTED UPON ROME DURING THE SLAVE BOXER INSURRECTION MAY HAVE BEEN LIGHT, WE CANNOT SIMPLY OVERLOOK IT...

WHAT'S MORE, IT IS TOO LATE...

IF IT IS REASONABLE THAT THOSE PARTIES INVOLVED TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND BRING THE INCIDENT TO AN END...

THEN I BELIEVE THE MOST APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE TO SELL OFF THE REMAINING SLAVE BOXERS IN ORDER TO PAY COMPENSATION.

CAESAR, MY LORD NERO, YOU ARE STILL YOUNG.

IF WE EXECUTE THOSE BOY SLAVE BOXERS, WHO WERE NOT EVEN AMONGST THE RINGLEAD-ERS...

THINK CALMLY NOW...

WHAT WILL REMAIN?

WOULD IT NOT BE FUTILE FORCING US TO PAY THE ENTIRETY OF SAID INDEMNITIES FROM THE STATE ITSELF?!

THOUGH YOUR CLEAR, COMPASSIONATE JUDGEMENT AND DISCUSSION IS ADMIRABLE...

AS YOU ARE STILL A NEW LEADER YOU MUST SET THE STANDARD FOR YOUR PEOPLE.

THE SLAVE REBELLION WAS AN UNFORGIVABLE TRANSGRESSION.

WE ARE BY ALL ACCOUNTS IN A TIME OF PEACE, SO IS A SEVERE PUNISHMENT NOT A NECESSITY?!

THE STRICT DOMINANCE OF RULE IS THE CORNERSTONE OF ROME!

IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN NO SHORTAGE OF THOSE WHO EVEN TALK OF RIGHTS FOR SLAVES!

WHILE YOU MAY BE UNEASY, PLEASE TAKE COUNCIL FROM THIS OLD MAN.

RATHER THAN COMPASSION, CHOOSE SOLEMNITY!

FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR YOUNG SELF!

SILENCE!

HE MAY BE LONG OF SERVICE, BUT HIS HIS STATEMENTS HOLD CONSIDERABLE CLOUT.

THE ELDEST OF THE CONSERVATIVE SENATORS, ANTINUS, EH...

THIS IS BAD.

ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE SENATE. IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT I AM YOUNG, AND LACKING IN WORLDLY EXPERIENCE.

I WILL NOT DENY THE REASONS FOR YOUR FERVOUR

HOWEVER THIS IS A PLACE OF DEBATE.

MY OWN FACE AND APPEARANCE MATTER NOT.

NOR EVEN MY STATUS AS SOVEREIGN.

YOU ARE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROMAN PEOPLE, THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE.

TO FUSS OVER PUNISHMENT ALONE IS QUITE REGRETTABLE.

IN TRUTH, IT FILLS WITH ME WITH A DEEP, INSUPPRESSIBLE DISSAPOINTMENT.

I WOULD HAVE THAT YOU STOP AVOIDING THE MATTER AT HAND!

IS THAT UNDERSTOOD, SENATOR ANTINUS?!

I DID NOT PROCEED HERE TODAY...

TO BE INSTRUCTED BY YOUR NARROW MINDED BELIEFS ABOUT CONTROL!

BUT THERE IS NO MERIT IN CONTINUING.

I HAD HOPED THAT THE DEBATE MAY HAVE ALLOWED FOR A WISER SOLUTION.

I WISH YOU TO KNOW THAT MY REIGN SHALL STRIVE FOR A TOLERANT GOVERNANCE, FOUNDED UPON REASON!

WE SHALL NOT CARRY OUT A FUTILE EXECUTION.

IS THAT TRULY ALRIGHT, YOUR MAJESTY?!

HUH?!

SCRIBE! EXPUNGE TODAY'S RECORD!

HAAH....

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WHY LEAVE SUCH CRUDE REMARKS FOR POSTERITY?!

OF COURSE!

PHEEEW. THAT WAS HARD WORK.

MOT-HER...

FROM NOW ON THE MORE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SHOULD BE MORE TEMPERATE IN THEIR OPINIONS.

THAT WAS MARVELOUS NERO...

HOWEVER, WE MUST LET THEM HAVE SOME DEGREE OF RENOWN.

BY NO MEANS SHOULD YOU MAKE LIGHT OF THEIR ASSETS OR POLITICAL STRENGTH!

ONE'S FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE CRUCIAL...

AS WITH ANYTHING...

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YOU MUSTN'T LADY AGRIPPINA!

YES, THAT WOULD BE QUITE GOOD.

INFACT, WE SHOULD HOLD FUTURE SENATE MEETINGS AT THE PALACE.

HAS THE ROMAN SENATE NOT BEEN A MERE SKELETON FOR THE LONGEST TIME NOW?

IT IS ENOUGH THAT THEY SIMPLY SERVE AS A CONSULTATIVE BODY FOR THE EMPEROR.

WHY MUST THE EMPEROR BE FORCED TO CARRY HIMSELF DOWN HERE?!

THE EMPEROR.

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SILENCE, SENECA!

WE CANNOT DO AWAY WITH SUCH TRADITIONS AND FORMALITIES, TO DO SO WOULD INVITE REVOLT...

EVEN IF IT BE A MERE SKELETON, THE REMAINING MATTERS OF THE SENATE ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE!

ERM...

MOT-HER...

SENECA...

DO AS YOU MAY, BUT THE ROMAN SENATE HAS CONTINUED FROM THE AGE OF THE MONARCHY!*

THIS IS SHEER ARRO-GANCE!

AM I WRONG?

IF THE SENATORS WISH TO SHOW NERO REVERANCE, SHOULDN'T THEY BE THE ONES TO PROCEED TO THE PALACE?

THEY MAY HOLD ONLY HONOURARY POSITIONS, BUT IF YOU TRAMPLE UPON THEIR PRIDE YOU WILL ONLY CREATE ENEMIES!

INDEED, IT'S QUITE NATU-RAL!

CANCEL MY LATER AUDIENCES.

I'VE HAD ENOUGH...

YOUR MAJ-ESTY!

OH, WHAT'S WRONG NERO?

* THE ELDEST ADVISORS OF ROMULUS, ROME'S FOUNDING KING, HELPED FORM THE PROTOTYPE OF THE SENATE.

I'M ENTIRELY MISERABLE.

THERE'S NO MORE MISERABLE ACTOR THAN I...

SENECA, BURRUS, AND MOTHER...

THEY HAVE ME PLAY ALL MANNER OF TIRESOME ROLES...

I EVEN ACT AS THE EMPEROR ACCORDING TO WHAT THEY SAY!

A FREED SLAVE, NERO'S MISTRESS.

ACTE.

YOU POOR THING...

THE PREVIOUS SCENES THEN...

WERE THE TRUTH AS TO HOW CESTVS AVOIDED PUNISHMENT AND MANAGED TO LIVE ON.

YES, YOUR MAJESTY.

OF COURSE I AM.

HOLD ME ACTE...

YOU'RE ONLY ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS ME RIGHT?

THE TRUE ME...

AREN'T YOU?

THERE'S NO-ONE WHO TRULY LOVES ME FROM THE BOTTOM OF THEIR HEART IS THERE...

AT BEST, THIS GIRL IS ONLY OBEYING ME BECAUSE OF MY SOCIAL STANDING...

I'M SO EMPTY...

AAH...

AND WITH THAT, LET US PROGRESS WITH THE STORY.

I IMAGINE THIS IS WHERE WE'LL BE SOLD...

IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S A SLAVE MARKET.

WHERE ARE WE...?

EH...?

YOU SHOULD BE READY TO BE SEPARATED CESTVS.

THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD BE SOLD LIKE BEFORE.

GET OUT YOU TWO!

IS THIS BOY ONE TOO?

I'D HEARD ABOUT A SLAVE BOXER BUT...

STILL HAVE SO MANY, MANY THINGS I NEED TO LEARN FROM YOU...

NO WAY, THAT CAN'T BE!

AFTER ALL I...

HMMM... THEY'RE ALL GOOD.

YOU PASS...

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OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND LET ME SEE YOUR TEETH.

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HE'S A TOUGH ONE, SO DON'T LET HIM CAUSE A FUSS.

THIS ONE'S FOR THE THIRD BUILDING.

BUT...

EH...

ALRIGHT, COME OVER HERE.

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MASTER!

MA...

MASTER.

HOLD ON NOW!

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WALK.

COME ON NOW!

SHUT IT!

TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF

THIS IS FREEZING! IS THIS UNDERGROUND WATER?

MAKE SURE TO WASH YOUR HAIR TOO!

THEN HAVE A WASH.

DON'T BE SLOW NOW

DON'T DAWDLE NOW!

IT'S FREEZING!

GARGH.

COME ON AND STRIP!

IYAA!

!

MAKE SURE TO WASH EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY!

AND WILL SELL WELL!

SO LONG AS YOU'RE CLEAN YOU'LL BE IN A GOOD SPOT...

EEP...

EH... KUH.

EEP...

EH...

UUUH.

THAT'S ENOUGH.

COME ON UP.

I GET IT, THEY'RE ALSO...

...

THIS WAY.

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OUR APOLOGIES FOR KEEPING YOU WAITING.

OUR NEXT LOT IS A BLACK HAIRED YOUTH OF 15 YEARS!

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WE BELIEVE HIM TO BE QUITE THE BARGAIN!

WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN HIS BIRTHPLACE, YET...

PLEASE BEHOLD HIS HANDSOME FORM.

WH... WHAT IS THIS?!

NOW THEN, WE SHALL BEGIN PROCEED-INGS.

WE SHALL START AT 800 SESTERTIUS!

IT SEEMS THAT YOU, MY DEAR AUDIENCE, ARE QUITE IN LUCK TODAY!

WE CAN GUARANTEE YOU HE IS OF EXCELLENT HEALTH.

1,200!

1,000!

900.

1,400.

1,600.

1,300.

1,250.

WHAT'S WITH THEM...

THUMP!

THUMP!

THUMP!

WHAT IS THIS...?!

YES, YES!

STRIP HIM SO WE CAN HAVE A BETTER LOOK!

WOULD YOU STRIP HIM!

I WISH TO SEE HIS BODY!

1,800 SESTERTIUS!

NOW, WILL IT GO ANY HIGHER?!

DO AS THEY WISH.

...

TAKE IT OFF.

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THIS YOUTH IS ACTUALLY A SLAVE BOXER!

PLEASE LOOK TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!

NOW NOW.

HE HAS EVEN FOUGHT IN PROPER MATCHES, AND HAS WON AGAINST FIVE ADULT OPPONENTS!

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HOW IS HE MADAM?

I IMAGINE IT'S QUITE AN UNUSUAL SIGHT FOR YOU, AT LEAST COMPARED TO THAT OF YOUR HUSBAND'S SWOLLEN BELLY AFTER A FEAST?

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HMPH, DO NOT BE SO DISCOURTE-OUS!

PLEASE OBSERVE THE ELEGANCE AND FUNCTION WHICH HIS BODY POSSESS.

HE HAS NOT ONE BIT OF SPARE FLESH.

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HE WAS MOLDED TO FIGHT!

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OH, ENOUGH OF THAT.

MY DEAR YOU...

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I KNEW IT, HE'S STILL A BOY ISN'T HE.

ABOUT THAT...

STILL, I'M NOT SURE...

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WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO DELIBERATELY TAKE YOUR TIME AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH HIM THEN?

BOYS TAKE AROUND 10 YEARS OR SO TO MATURE.

MY GOOD LADIES, YOU'RE BEING IMPATIENT NOW.

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WE'LL HAVE SOME FUN ALRIGHT.

HE'S LOOKS DELICIOUS.

I'M INTERESTED IN HIM, 3,000 SESTERTIUS!

4,000 SESTERTIUS.

Fl... Fl... Fl... 5,000!

5,300!

A DISGUSTING, FILTHY AIR FILLED THE ROOM.

IT WAS AN ABNORMAL SPACE.

THEIR EYES WRITHED AND GLEAMED...

THEIR VOICES WERE HUSKY AS THEY APPRAISED THEIR PET...

AMIDST THE FRENZY, THEIR COARSE BALMS BURNED THEIR MUDDIED CHESTS.

WERE STILL JUST INNOCENT BOYS AND GIRLS.

THE HUMAN BEINGS WHOM THEY WERE BUYING AND SELLING.

THE RICH ENDULGED THEMSELVES IN PLEASURE WHILST SUFFERING THIS POISON.

THE MEANING OF THE BITTER PAIN WHICH YOU ENDURED.

THE FRUSTRATION YOU SPOKE OF.

I FINALLY UNDERSTAND ASHLEY.

I GET IT NOW.

THEY JOSTLED ON PRICE OVER FACTS LIKE THEIR PHYSICAL FORM, OR HAIR COLOUR.

THOSE BEARING A DARK SKIN WERE GREATLY ESTEEMED, AND WENT FOR A HIGH PRICE.

THE SHADOWY MARKET COMPENSATING THEIR JET BLACK DESIRES.

NEVER!

I WILL NEVER FORGET THIS DISGRACE FOR MY ENTIRE LIFE.

GRR...

GRR...

UNLESS SOME NEW APPLICANT ARISES, HE SHALL GO TO THE GOOD LADY OVER THERE!

36,000 SESTERTIUS!

NOW, DOES ANYONE ELSE WISH TO CONTINUE?

WELL THEN, FOR 30,000 AND 600...

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50,000 SESTERTIUS!

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I SAID 50,000.

DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?

I'LL BUY THE BOY!

THAT'S...!

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